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Title : Regarding new Civil Aviation Policy of the Government.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): Sir, this is a very serious matter. The Postal Department in the State of Kerala is paralysed totally and the people are suffering because of this. I would request the Minister to take action against the officers who have done all these things.

Sir, I had given a notice regarding the new Civil Aviation Policy, which is going to be taken up by the Cabinet today. It is very unfortunate that the Government did not raise this type of a matter in the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Civil Aviation Ministry. In the Consultative Committee, we vehemently opposed the Naresh Chandra Committee's Report itself because it is a biased report. It is helping the private operators; it is going to finish off our Air India and the Indian Airlines. This is a very serious matter.

Therefore, the Government should have a rethink on this and postpone this matter because the term of this Lok Sabha is going to expire. It is a very serious matter, and the Government should put off this new Civil Aviation Policy. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, you may ask the Ministry as to what they are doing. Without the consent of the Ministry, the officer concerned has given such an order.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Sir, it is a very serious matter. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL (LATUR): Sir, on civil aviation, I would like to submit that it was the first industry which was nationalised and it was nationalised after consulting the private industry which was running it. When they were asked to put in more funds to develop that industry, they disagreed and said that they would not be able to do that. It is only then that it was nationalised.

Now, when the Lok Sabha is going to be dissolved in two days time, if the Government of India is going to take a decision on such a momentous matter, it would not be proper, it would not be appropriate and it would be playing a sort of trick on the Parliament and on the people.

Therefore, we would like to emphasise on the floor of the House that civil aviation sector should not be privatised by a Government which is going to the polls within a month's time or two months time. We would like to put it on the record that if the Government does it now without allowing the Members to discuss, without allowing the country to discuss, that would be wrong and it should not be done by the Government. We are warning the Government; we are warning the executive that this should not be done. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Sir, the entire postal sector is at a standstill. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I have given a notice on this.

MR. SPEAKER: Please cooperate with the Chair.